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MINSK TAKEN!

213,000 Nazis Lost in 11 Days

LONDON, July 3 (UP).—Overwhelming Soviet forces captured the ancient White Russian capital of Minsk today and Moscow announced that the Germans, retreating in disorder toward the soil of the Reich itself, had lost more than 213,000 men killed and captured in the Red Army's devastating 11-day offensive.

Minsk, first big pre-war Russian city won by the Germans and now the last one yielded by them in their pell-mell retreat, was captured by the combined forces of 36-year-old Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian Army and Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army, Premier Joseph Stalin announced.



Road to Warsaw Open: Red Army forces sweeping westward at incredible power and speed captured Minsk, last major Nazi bastion in the East, after a brilliant encirclement maneuver by Gen. Cherniakhovsky's 3rd White Russian Army and Marshal Rokossovsky's 1st. Stalin's Order of the Day revealed that 213,000 Nazis had been killed and captured in the 11-day Soviet offensive. White arrows indicate the way open for Soviet drives on Warsaw—and to Berlin.

Moscow war bulletin broadcast two hours later revealed sweeping new triumphs for the four Soviet armies driving the Germans before them toward East Prussia. One Soviet advance carried into the big rail junction of Polotsk on the road to Latvia and street fighting was in progress there.

More than 850 towns were captured in today's fighting.

213,000 NAZIS LOST

The drive into Minsk, last Nazi bastion on the road to Warsaw, capped a drive which Moscow announced had cost the Germans 132,000 men killed and 81,130 captured. The Soviet bulletin announced that the First White Russian Army had taken 3,650 prisoners today and that the Third Army had taken up to 13,250 more in the five days through Friday.

Soviet front dispatches said the Germans were retreating in utter disorganization. One German general, driven to despair by the unceasing Soviet blows, came out of hiding in a woods and surrendered.

While hundreds of Soviet planes harassed the retreating Germans, thousands of other enemy troops left behind by the swift Soviet surge westward were coming out of hiding along the 400-mile front and surrendering en masse.

The Moscow bulletin announced that Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's First Baltic Army, driving toward Latvia, had burst into the streets of Polotsk, 120 miles northeast of Minsk. The German war bulletin broadcast earlier by Berlin said Artillery General Schoenemann had been killed in the Polotsk area.

IN MOLODECHNO

Other Soviet forces swirling on beyond Polotsk captured the town of Glubokoe, 50 miles to the southwest and also burst into the outskirts of Molodechno rail junction, 40 miles northwest of Minsk. On the southern wing of the front, the Soviet took up more than 250 towns including Timkhovichi, 40 miles east of Baranowicze rail junction and 258 miles from Warsaw.

The drive into Minsk, which the Germans captured on June 29, 1941, removed the last Nazi barrier on the road to the German-delineated frontier of East Prussia, 148 miles to the west. Other Soviet spearheads probing beyond Minsk last were reported within 125 miles of that border.

The drive represented an advance of at least 12 miles in 24 hours, for one Soviet spearhead had driven to within that distance northeast of the city on Sunday while others were smashing beyond it in the great pincers operation.

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Hitler-Peace Advocates Open 'Elect-Dewey' Drive

By WALTER LOWENFELS

BRYN MAWR, July 3.—Frederick J. Libby, a leader of the peace-with-Hitler forces, who urged a Peace Now plank before the Republican platform committee in Chicago, has opened up a campaign to elect Dewey as President.

Libby made two speeches for Dewey at the Institute of International Relations sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, which wound up a 10-day session at Goodhart Hall here on Sunday. In one he said:

"The important thing is to make your vote effective. The way to make your vote effective is to vote for Dewey."

Libby is secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, of which Mrs. Robert Taft, wife of the Ohio senator, is vice-president. He has admitted being one of the founders of the Peace Now movement headed by the Norman Thomas Socialist, George Hartmann. He is a key figure in the peace strategy board whose monthly meetings map out the Peace Now strategy of the negotiated peace plotters.

Libby was a special lecturer during the Institute's discussion on "From War to Peace," his topic being "In Washington."

EYE TO EYE

Libby made it doubly clear before the audience of 250 that the Dewey GOP foreign policy presents no ambiguities to Peace Nowers.

After his first Dewey speech Thursday, Libby was questioned at Friday's session. He renewed his campaign for Dewey.

"I have no confidence in this administration in giving us peace at the end of the war. I am against continuance of this administration which is leading us into another war. I am in the loyal opposition. The Republican Party is the main force in the loyal opposition. Therefore I am willing to support Dewey for President."

Libby echoed the GOP convention speaker in blaming Roosevelt, not Hitler or the Axis, for starting the war, in his last issue of his Peace Action. He attacked Secretary of State Hull's "confessed fear of the Nazi-Fascist idea." His main slogan is "Why die for Stalin?" In his speeches here Libby also put in a good word for Norman Thomas, who is campaigning for an "immediate peace offensive, based on the offer of an armistice to the people of the Axis nations."

While Thomas solicits votes for Dewey through centering his attacks on the President, Libby discussed the Peace Nowers' ready stand by openly urging votes for Dewey.

SPONSOR GOP SUPPORT

The Institute was one of a coast to coast network which the Friends are sponsoring, and which the Peace Nowers are using as a forum for their conspiracy against the war and for Dewey. They are surrounded by a sprinkling of liberal faculty members. Thus Mrs. Roosevelt is scheduled to speak at the July 11 session of the Institute at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, where Norman Thomas and William Chamberlain and other Peace Nowers are on the faculty.

At Bryn Mawr, Chamberlain's continued tirades against the Soviet Union reached such a violent pitch Saturday that the one outspoken anti-fascist on the Institute faculty, Martin Mall, protested.



Vice-President Henry A. Wallace clinks glasses with Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, in a toast to United Nations victory. Marshal Chiang, at right, joins in the toast. The ceremony took place at a banquet in Wallace's honor given at Chungking. Wallace is now on his way back to the U.S.

LaGuardia's Transit Tax Plan Provokes Citywide Discussion

By MAX GORDON

Judging from reactions yesterday, Mayor LaGuardia certainly was right when he said Sunday that he expected his transportation tax plan to stimulate discussion and "provoke controversies."

Spokesmen for various groups have already spoken up for and against the plan, which is a new approach to the much-discussed transit fare problem.

Briefly, the Mayor proposed in his regular Sunday broadcast over station WNYC that the \$45,000,000 transportation deficit be made up in the following ways:

- 1) A two percent tax on rents to be paid by all apartment and house tenants;
- 2) A two-and-half percent tax on rents to be paid by all commercial and industrial tenants;
- 3) A two percent tax on every hotel and lodging house tenant;
- 4) Forty cents a week out of the pay envelope of every commuter;
- 5) One percent of the interest received by every mortgage holder.

OFFSETS FARE RAISE

The only two alternatives, the Mayor said, are a ten cent fare or permitting the transportation deficit to be made up by general taxes, as at present. He suggested that the State Legislature enable the city to hold a referendum on the issue of a higher fare for his plan sometime between Jan. 1 and July 1 of next year.

The higher fare alternative has already been decisively rejected by the people.

The principle underlying the Mayor's proposal is that of spreading the cost of the deficit among all sections of the population who benefit from subway travel, whether they do the travelling or not. Thus, business houses will also share in making up the deficit under the plan. Also, it provides some measure

Reactions to Mayor's Plan

Mayor LaGuardia's proposals last Sunday for a transportation tax called forth the following reactions yesterday:

Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs favored the five cent fare as proposed under the tax plan.

Councilman Louis Cohen, Bronx, finance committee chairman, said, "A 10 cent fare would bring in \$125,000,000. If the Mayor has to raise only \$51,000,000, as his plan provides, why doesn't he say the alternative is a six or seven cent fare?"

The Allied Taxpayers Defense, Inc., representing 9,600 property owners, said OK to the plan with one exception. This group doesn't want the 1 percent tax on the interest income on mortgages.

Paul Windels, chairman of the Citizens Transit Committee and advocate of the 10 cent fare, said the proposals were not an "honest answer" to the transit problem.

of ability to pay since it is based on percentage of the rent paid. Thus, families paying lower rents would also have to pay a smaller tax.

Higher fare advocates want to put the entire burden on the subway riders without regard to ability to pay.

SEES FAMILIES AIDED

The Mayor showed that all families would save considerable if his plan were adopted instead of a ten cent fare even if only one member of the family travelled by subway, and most families have more than one member who travels by subway.

Objections to the plan have been voiced both by higher fare advocates as well as by those who have been fighting against a higher fare but who insist that the present method of financing losses out of general taxes be continued so that real estate bear the entire cost of the transport loss.

There are a few questions that should be kept in mind in any sober discussion of the Mayor's plan.

First, the subway deficit is not a result of current operations but flows largely from the inflated price the city paid for the subway system and the large interest rates

it has to pay on the indebtedness incurred in buying it. The problem of lower interest rates was examined in the past but should be further investigated with a view toward cutting down the burden on the city.

Second, much of the city's financial difficulties flows from the entirely one-sided fiscal relationship that exists between the state and the city, wherein the state retains the lion's share of the taxes collected from residents of the city. Thus, the city has an annual headache in making ends meet while the state piles up a surplus of \$163,000,000.

The chief problem in making up the city's deficits would, therefore, seem to be in the direction of getting the state to agree to a better distribution of taxes. Since there is no principle that says that the transit system, any more than any other city service, has to be self-supporting, additional funds received from the state could be used for that system.

While labor and progressive groups in the city will undoubtedly give serious study to the Mayor's plan, they should also give attention to the problem of revised state-city tax relationships to lay before the Legislature when it meets in January.

IWO Salute Tonight at The Garden

Madison Square Garden, air-cooled and comfortable, will be the scene of a "Salute to America" tonight at 7 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Sixth National Convention of the International Workers Order's Jewish American section.

Senator James E. Murray, Congressman Samuel Dickstein, and Judge Anna Kross will speak on the program, which includes a gala pageant entitled Rise Up My People. It will feature Alexander Kipnis, Metropolitan Opera singer, Michel Piastro and the combined Philharmonic Chorus directed by Max Helfman.

A Jewish war hero just returned from the front will also speak.

Max Bedacht, general secretary of the International Workers Order, in a keynote address at the opening of the Order's convention at Manhattan Center yesterday morning drew the applause and cheers of the delegates present when he called for support of President Roosevelt for reelection in November.

The President's leadership, Bedacht stated, "has been tested in the fires of battle and he is the man our country needs at the helm in the coming peace era."

Representing every section of the country, the 532 delegates showed hearty agreement, too, with his declaration that the American people on the home front would attend to their share of the job of crushing fascism.

"It is an illusion," he emphasized for Americans to believe that fascism can be defeated while yet allowing theories of race supremacy and superiority to influence public and social relations of black and white citizens."

Declaring that the road to a democratic future is over the dead body of fascism, Bedacht hailed the Teheran agreement for international cooperation for lasting peace.

ORGANIZE FOR GREATER UNITY

Transformation of the Order into a federation of 15 autonomous group societies, he pointed out, will facilitate the organization of native and foreign born into one body for common action.

In denouncing attacks on labor political action by vested interest groups who are themselves spending huge sums to elect their reactionary candidates, he called on members "to fit themselves into the political effort of American labor as represented in the political action committee of the CIO."

Robert Minor, vice-president of the Communist Political Association, who also addressed the delegates yesterday, commended the fraternal order as an organization of working people which "strengthens the fibre of a great democratic people, especially in a time of crisis in a patriotic war for survival."

Citing the need for these organizations, Minor reminded the audience of the violent campaign for the purpose of changing the foreign policy of the United States which was started last year via the Alter-Ehrlich case.

"A great many of our people are Jews," he said, "and Jews as a general rule don't like Hitler. But a way has been discovered to make people who don't like Hitler act exactly the same as if they did like him."

"It did not succeed. The Jewish people smelled a fish in it. The robust intelligence of the IWO and its high prestige amongst the Jewish people helped to prevent the effectiveness of that pro-Hitler campaign."

Gala Pageant Tonight at Garden Rally

Yanks Gain in New Normandy Push

Free Elections Held in Bolivia, Democrat Wins

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 3 (UP).—Candidates favorable to the present regime won generally in the national elections, incomplete returns showed today.

Elections were held to choose 137 delegates to the national convention—27 senators and 110 representatives who will meet in August to select a president and vice-President.

Among those elected were Victor Paz Estenssoro, head of the National Revolutionary Movement and former finance minister in the present government; August Cespedes, also a prominent leader of the NRM; former Minister of Interior Pedro Zilveti, and Rafael Otaño, former Minister of Agriculture.

Jose Antonio Arce, head of the Revolutionary leftist Party, (PIR) also was elected as was Waldo Delmonte, president of the Socialist-Republican Party.

[The PIR, Republican Socialist and Republican parties participated in yesterday's election as the Bolivian Democratic Union. The fact that this Union participated in the election shows that full guarantees of democratic procedure were given. The Union had announced that unless such guarantees were made it would not take part.]

[The promise of free elections was one of the reasons why the United States and other governments reversed their previous decision not to recognize the Gualberto Villarroel regime. The U. S. recognized Bolivia on June 23 in a move aimed to break that country away from the fascist Argentine government.]

[It is not possible to estimate the results of yesterday's election until full reports are received. Jose Antonio Arce, whose election is reported, is the leading democratic figure in Bolivia. Victor Paz Estenssoro, on the other hand, is one of three ministers whose resignation removed some of the suspicion of Nazi sympathies from the Villarroel government.]

Tito Cuts Nazi Lines to Italy

LONDON, July 3 (UP).—Patriot Yugoslav forces of Marshal Tito have stormed three German-held railway lines, including the vital connection between Doboj and the important central Bosnia steel center of Zenica, a communique announced today.

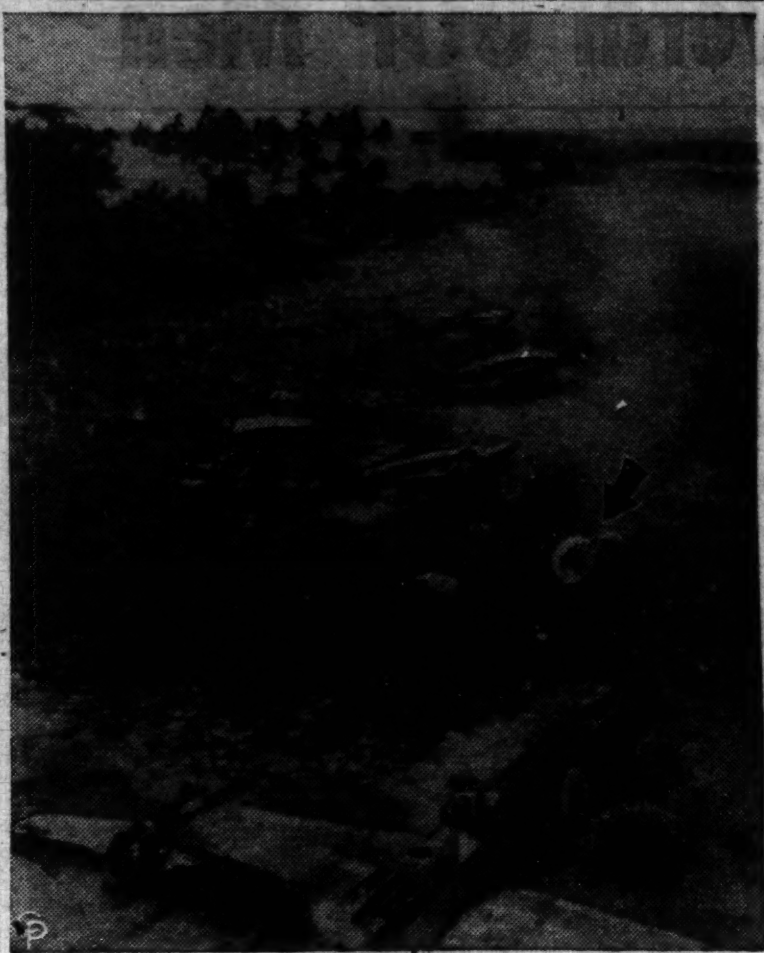
Patriots have taken the terminal town of Derventa, 130 miles west of Belgrade, and maintain their initiative in eastern, western and central Bosnia, the communique broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio said.

Much booty was captured at Derventa, which gave the patriots a base for launching their attack on the Doboj-Zenica railway line.

Traffic on the vital rail line between Ljubljana and Trieste, connecting Italy with Yugoslavia, still has not been resumed, and terminal stations at both ends of the damaged sector are crammed with trains waiting to carry reinforcements and supplies to German troops in Italy.

The main viaduct and the bridge on this strategic railway were destroyed when the patriots wrecked a train headed for the German lines, the communique said.

In Vojvodina, heavy fighting continued in the Ruma-Klenak sector northwest of Belgrade.



These are wrecked Japanese planes at Jefman Airport, Sorong Island, last effective Tokio base in New Guinea, after it was hit by the U.S. Fifth Air Force. Fifty enemy planes were destroyed on the field. Note delayed bomb being parachuted (arrow) to the ground next to the tail of an enemy bomber.

French Algerian Troops Take Siena, Cut Highway

ROME, July 3 (UP).—French Algerian troops today captured the historic city of Siena, 30 miles south of Florence, cutting the last main lateral road south of the Pisa-Eighth Army units plunged to within eight miles of the Adriatic port of Ancona and drove deep into crumbling defenses around Lake Trasimeno.

All across Italy the Allies were grinding down the outworks protecting the Germans reported main defense belt running from Pisa on the west through Florence to Rimini on the east.

The Germans were rushing reinforcements to try to stem the Fifth Army advance toward Leghorn, 17 miles above captured Cecina, and the Pisa-Florence road, headquarters sources disclosed, and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's hard-hitting veterans now were facing elements of 10 German divisions.

The French Algerians drove through a curtain of shellfire from German guns above Siena to enter the town early today. Guns of American Sherman tanks covered the French advance from the south-east.

Now the French wing stands at the edge of heavily-mined terrain flattening into a near plain extending northward to Florence and bisected by the Rome-Florence main road.

[Italian partisans played a major part in the Siena victory. Some days ago Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters broadcast an urgent appeal to patriot forces in the Siena area to "take on the hard

extraordinarily useful task of attacking the enemy from the rear." [At the same time radio Milana Libertà, illegal organ of the National Front of Liberation in North Italy, appealed to all patriots in central Tuscany to start a "general insurrection" in the Siena zone upon the approach of the Allied liberating armies.]

Reynolds and Eleanor Packard cabled United Press from Siena that: "Two hundred Italian patriots took over control of the town when the Germans fled. They were policing it with double-barrelled shotguns, BB rifles and butcher knives when we entered."

"The Italians took over control around midnight, many of the patriots getting out Bersaglieri uniforms and others tying red scarfs around their necks. These gave us the Communist clenched fist salute."

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, July 3 (UP).—Charging behind a night-long barrage, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's U. S. First Army opened a powerful offensive down the west side of France on a 40-mile front today and advanced three miles to the vicinity of the key road center of La Haye du Puits.

Bradley, in another bold stroke, sent his troops back to the attack only two days after mopping up the last resistance on the upper Cherbourg Peninsula as the Germans slackened their counterattacks against the British salient below Caen to the east.

Even before launching the main drive in ankle-deep mud and under a drizzly dawn sky, the Yanks seized a springboard by capturing the junction of St. Jores, seven miles southeast of St. Sauveur-le-Vicomte and two miles west of American-held Baupré on the base of the peninsula.

Attacking along an irregular 40-mile front between St. Lo d'Ourville on the west coast and the city of St. Lo, 15 miles southeast of Carentan, the Americans scored advances of one and one-half to three miles, an official dispatch said.

Greatest gains were in the direction of La Haye du Puits, objective of two converging columns from the St. Jores and St. Lo d'Ourville areas. These spearheads evidently had bridged German inundations and reached the city's main defensive position, a wooded heights called Bois l'Etencin, two and a half miles to the northeast, where they captured one of two German hill positions.

POSSIBILITIES IN DRIVE

Beyond La Haye du Puits lie the west coast communica-

tions towns of Lessay and Coutances, while if Bradley's troops continue along that route they ultimately will reach the neck of the Breton Peninsula, which is tipped by the port of Brest. At the opposite end of the new offensive front,

the Americans were believed attacking St. Lo itself.

Although front dispatches indicated the offensive at this stage had limited objectives, it was believed the first phase of a general unleashing of Allied might into a showdown battle along the entire 111-mile front eastward to beyond Caen.

By carrying out aggressive patrol actions during the lull around Caen, the British have retained the initiative, and warships continue to bombard enemy positions deep inland.

British patrols re-entered Bretteville on the northwest edge of the salient after being driven out during the counter-attacks, and found it empty but heavily booby-trapped.

In the course of line-straightening operations, the Allies captured Longraye, Lambert and Chemin de St. Lo in the Caumont area near the southeastern perimeter of the beachhead, and Hindehour, four miles northeast of St. Lo d'Ourville.

The Allies now are firmly astride 11 of 14 escape roads from Caen, while the total beachhead now has been expanded to an area of 1,100 square miles and pushed 22 miles inland at its greatest depths.

The Battle of the Saipan Cliffs—Eyewitness Tells How We Won

By MAC R. JOHNSON

AN ADVANCED ARTILLERY OBSERVATION POST, SAIPAN, July 1.—Delayed (UP). (Via Navy Radio).—From this cliff 1,000 feet straight up from the Kagman peninsula plateau, I am watching the fighting of Saipan.

Below me, an American Marine battalion is fighting its way down from the coralhead cliffs northeast of Mt. Tapotchau, and I have a bird's-eye view of the action.

The Marines are finding the downward pursuit of the retreating enemy almost as big a job as their fight up the other side of this peak.

The cliffs are webbed over with gigantic pandanus trees whose um-

brella root structures block the advance. The Marines hacked out a trail and had to cover their work parties constantly with rifles and machine guns against Japanese rifle and mortar fire from the lower hills beyond.

The trail runs off the lip of the cliff like a waterfall and once beyond the edge it is lined with ropes to make ascent and descent possible. During the first hours after its establishment, the fact that the enemy still held a flanking position on the plateau far below made it necessary to evacuate casualties back up over the trail and over the mountaintops to hospitals south of Mt. Tapotchau.

Here, near the top of the trail, I

see marines emerging from the jungled slopes toward the new command post at the same time as Army units sweep forward in a broad front over the plateau behind tanks, which looked like bugs from this height.

Off shore a destroyer is hurling white phosphorous shells into the Japanese positions, while artillery fire bursts ahead of the advancing army lines.

The Marines still have assorted coral knobs to clean out before they reach more level country, but the grimmest terrain now is passed. Terrain observers of all war theatres agree it is the worst they have seen, even worse than Guadalcanal.

Minsk Taken, Trap 300,000

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The fall of Minsk, 290 miles from Warsaw, marked the second time in 25 years the Germans had been driven from the war-torn city which was laid waste by Napoleon's armies in 1812. In the first world war, Minsk was the headquarters of the Fourth Russian Army Corps and later was occupied by the Germans who were driven out when the German revolution broke out.

Capture of the communications center—Minsk is on railroads running southwest to Warsaw and Berlin and northwest to the big Baltic state cities—came on the third anniversary of Stalin's historic first speech of the war in which he said that despite early victories the Wehrmacht would "learn to its sorrow . . . our forces are numberless."

Dickstein, Murray at Garden Tonight

Windels Red-Baiting Unheeded As ALP Names Several GOP Men

Paul Windels, attorney for the now-defunct Rapp-Coudert legislative witch-hunt committee, renewed his plea yesterday to Republican county leaders to withdraw support of all GOP candidates who accept American Labor Party endorsement and was quickly rebuffed by at least one such leader.

Several Republican candidates in the Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn have already accepted ALP designations. There may be others before final nominations are closed at midnight tonight.

Brooklyn GOP leader John R. Crews, whose brother, Assemblyman Robert J. Crews, is one of two regular Republican candidates in that county receiving the labor endorsement, is reported to have said yesterday that he didn't "care anything about Windels."

REVEALS HIS HAND

The Rapp-Coudert attorney, who is also leader of a fight to raise the fare in New York City, has characterized acceptance of the ALP nomination by Republicans as a "stab in the back" to the GOP because that party is planning to make "Communism" its main election issue by charging that the labor party is "Communist-dominated" and is behind President Roosevelt's candidacy. Any acceptance of a "Communist" endorsement by a Republican, Windels insisted, would weaken the GOP position.

County leaders Warren Ashmead of Queens and Thomas J. Curran of Manhattan have signified agreement with Windels' position. Curran is Gov. Dewey's secretary of state and one of the leading figures in state politics.

ACCEPT ALP SUPPORT

At least three GOP candidates for legislative office in Manhattan have, however, accepted ALP designation. They are State Senator Richard Di Catenaccio in the 16th Assembly district, Assemblyman Hamlet O. Catenaccio in the 16th Assembly district and Samuel Roman, candidate for Assembly in the 15th District.

In Brooklyn, Republican candidates who have accepted ALP endorsement include Assemblyman Crews in the 6th District, Assemblyman Lewis Cliffe in the 10th and Ada Jackson independent candidate running for the GOP nomination in the 17th District.

In the Bronx, the ALP has endorsed Lowell H. Brown, GOP candidate for State Senate in the 28th

District and the GOP, in turn, has given its backing to Leo Isacson, the ALP designee for Assembly in the 13th.

No Republican candidate for Congress has received ALP endorsement in the city. With some exceptions, Democratic incumbents or designees will also appear on the ALP line.

In Brooklyn, the ALP is running James V. King, state president of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union (CIO), independently in the 14th Congressional District against Assemblyman Leo Raffel, Democrat, and Bernard P. Levy, Republican. The district, a new one has a heavy ALP vote and Assemblyman Raffel's record in the Legislature has not been a progressive one. ALP leaders feel it is possible to elect King to Congress.

UNDECIDED ON O'TOOLE

In the 13th District where Congressman Donald L. O'Toole, the incumbent, has been refused designation by the regular Democratic machine and is fighting the designee in the primaries, the ALP had not yet determined last night whether to back him or not.

Other notable primary contests include the congressional races in the 18th District in Manhattan, where Congressman Vito Marcantonio is fighting for the Democratic nomination against Congressman Martin Kennedy and for the GOP nomination against Robert E. Palmer; the 22nd in Manhattan, where Adam Clayton Powell is fighting Sara Peiham Speaks for the Democratic and Republican nomination, and the 25th in the Bronx, where pro-Christian Front Assemblyman John Devany, denied redesignation for the Assembly by the Democrats, is contesting for the Democratic nomination for Congress against pro-FDR Congressman Charles A. Buckley.

Congressman Marcantonio and Clayton Powell have ALP endorsement.

Also of interest is the contest in the 12th Assembly District in Manhattan where Assemblyman William T. Andrews is facing strong opposition for reelection from the Democratic district leader, Herbert L. Bruce, because Andrews refused to fight Powell for the Democratic congressional nomination.



The Churchill family, at a base in southern England, is watching British fighter planes shooting at Nazi rocket bombs. Winston Churchill is holding the binoculars, and Mrs. Churchill, holding on to her helmet, is looking up at the scene that her daughter, Subaltern Mary Churchill, is pointing out to her.

News Capsules

Nest Egg Bounces Back

At Waterloo, Ia., Christopher Benthroft, 67, lost his wallet containing \$650, a little nest egg he had accumulated during the last six years. When he looked into his mailbox yesterday morning—there it was intact.

Edna Morgan, 42, who was found dead in a furnished room at 152 E. 35 St., was choked to death, a postmortem examination has revealed. Her semi-nude body was discovered by Max Kaufman when he was making weekly rent collections on Saturday. He rented the room with a pass key after there was no response to his continued knocking.

Retail sales in New York City

department stores rose 11 percent in June as compared with sales during the same period last year, according to a New York Herald Tribune survey.

Mrs. Frances Lee Higginson of West Cornwall, Conn., who was brutally attacked in her home on June 15 and suffered 23 head wounds, awoke from a coma in which she has been since that day, only to sink back into unconsciousness after uttering three words, "my arms hurt." Her condition is reported as "somewhat improved" at Deaconess Hospital, where she underwent a minor operation performed by Dr. Gilbert H. Horax, brain specialist.

GROPPERGRAMS



The KKK Rides Again.

If Gropper can use your original gag you will receive \$1. Address Groppergrams, care Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St.

Bomber Output Ahead of Quota

WASHINGTON, July 3 (UP).—

Four-motor bomber production in June was ahead of schedule and the air frame weight of all planes produced during the month equalled previous levels despite a slump in actual numbers, aircraft production chief Charles E. Wilson disclosed today.

June production in numbers was 8,049 aircraft, a drop of 9.5 percent under the May figure of 8,902.

Output in weight was approximately 100,000,000 pounds, Wilson said. The record May production was 102,500,000 pounds. Reduced to daily production, Wilson said, the past three months have been "almost equal," at just over 3,800,000 pounds per working day.

The June decline in numbers, Wilson explained, "fortunately" was principally in types of planes "not needed."

The greatest drop was in trained types, he said. Sixty three fewer C-46 cargo type planes were produced than in the previous month, and Navy fighter plane production fell off an unspecified number, Wilson said.

Wilson said production losses, generally were the result of "defective parts and bad inspections." Additional improvements and changes in specifications, especially in the case of the B-29, "cost us some few bombers," during June, he said.

S. C. Seamen Hit Polltax

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 3.—

National Maritime Union members at this port are election-conscious.

Every NMU member eligible to vote has to register before he can ship out, under a rule just adopted.

More than that—the crews of 16 vessels have gone on record in the past fortnight for re-election of President Roosevelt, against the polltax and against all steps to deprive Negro people of their vote in primary elections. Resolutions were also adopted asking freedom for Ernest Fox, anti-fascist German who has been interned as an enemy alien.

Ala. Labor Dep't Defies WLB Order

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 3.—

The Alabama Department of Labor will defy a War Labor Board order directing suspension of employees of the Ingalls Iron Works of Birmingham who are delinquent in union dues, Emmett Brooks, director, said today.

He said the department would insist instead of compliance with a state law, framed to outlaw the closed shop and the union shop by guaranteeing the "right to join or refrain from joining a union." The WLB holds that its orders, derived from the President's wartime powers, supersede the state statute in labor-management disputes.

— Browder's New Book —

The Key to Postwar National Unity

By GEORGE MORRIS

In posing the problem of postwar national unity and the conditions desirable to labor under which strikes would be unnecessary, Harry Bridges stirred quite a discussion in the country. This is shown to be one of the very sensitive points in our postwar thinking.

Earl Browder examines this very question in his new book *Teheran—Our Path in War and Peace*, and he draws conclusions that are already influencing much thought in labor ranks.

In a special chapter "on labor unions in the national unity," Browder explains what is really meant by national unity. Those who depend on newspaper accounts to learn of Browder's views will be amazed at the power of distortion that the press possesses. It is those distortions that Lewis, the Trotskyists, Social Democrats and others like them, have made the most of in their campaign of incitement against Communists.

ON NATIONAL UNITY

Browder points out that national unity is not merely a formal under-

standing to cooperate. It involves a struggle to win the country for a policy under which such cooperation involving labor and capitalists, could work.

Browder says that "the key to the new features of labor's role in national unity that must develop in the postwar world lies in the new approach to the problem of raising wage standards." This is based on the fact that domestic purchasing power must be greatly increased if a market is to be maintained for the vastly increased productive power of America's industries. A high wage level, therefore, becomes a goal of national interest.

Browder points out that there is an actual possibility of winning decisive sections of the capitalist class for such a policy and every manifestation in that direction should be welcomed. As an example of the type of capitalist with whom labor can reach an understanding, Browder points to Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He quotes extensively from Johnston's speeches and writings and cites his clear-cut invitation to labor to collaborate on a program

of full employment and maintenance of high production levels.

TEST SINCERITY

As to the ridiculous charge that he naively takes for granted an employer's word, Browder says:

"The only known way to test sincerity is the test of action. Let the labor movement accept Mr. Johnston's program and put it to the test. If it works, well and good. If not, the bluff will have been called and labor will at least be in a much better tactical and moral position than if it had unthinkingly followed PM and similar shallow minds."

And further along the same line: "Of course, I cannot give any guarantee that labor unions will be accorded their proper place in postwar America. I cannot promise anyone with certainty there will not be a new 'open shop' and 'American Plan' drive to smash the labor unions after this war such as took place in 1919-1921. It will be the capitalists themselves, in the final analyses, who will make this decision. And if that happens labor must be prepared to defend itself. I am not a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, and his doctrine of non-resistance to evil will find no

serious converts in the ranks of labor."

But Browder goes on to point out that in its own interest labor should make clear that it does not desire postwar conflict.

"If a major class struggle in America is really inevitable after the war, to disrupt our hopes of peace and prosperity" Browder goes on, "let it be clearly established before the world that the responsibility does not rest with labor but with labor's enemies."

Browder draws a sharp distinction between a national unity that is based on high-sounding phrases and a national unity that is founded on an understanding and a program. He shows us how to distinguish between the receptive capitalist and the Sewell Avery type. He also points to those basic problems that must be solved under the agreed upon program.

In the light of Browder's conclusions, postwar national unity does not require labor to "give up" something. On the contrary, it is a condition under which labor receives definite guarantees that carry it further towards a better life and security.

Representatives of 14 Mine Districts Map Anti-Lewis Fight

CINCINNATI, July 3.—Representing 14 districts of the United Mine Workers, 90 local delegates yesterday attended the Midwest and Eastern Conference on Autonomy and Self-Government, defying John L. Lewis' threat of coercion.

They decided to spread the fight to the union's 17 other districts and form autonomy committee in all regions. Another decision was to hold a conference or Sept. 11 in this city, a day before the UMWA convention opens, to organize a united fight on the autonomy issue.

"This is the Boston tea party of the mine workers' union. We will win our liberty," said Ray Edmundson, former appointed Illinois district president who resigned over the autonomy issue.

ELECT OFFICERS

The conference elected as permanent officers those who served temporarily. They are Joseph A. Zieminski, of Granttown, West Va., chairman; Edmundson is vice-chairman and Harley Boswell, of Peoria, Ill., is secretary.

Edmundson also announced to the conference his candidacy for the presidency against Lewis in next December's referendum election.

Edmundson spoke out strongly

against Lewis, dropping the earlier line that the fight is only against the "palace guard." He declared that "liberty, independence and autonomy will be restricted to the members of the miners' union whether Lewis likes it or not."

"When the convention meets in September, Lewis and his royal family can take a licking gracefully or disgracefully," Edmundson said.

OUTPUT FLEDGE

Among the resolutions adopted was one giving assurance that the fight against the Lewis dictatorship will not be allowed to interfere with coal output.

Lewis issued a circular some days before the conference warning the locals not to send delegates to the conference on a claim that it is "illegal."

The 21 districts of the 31 in the UMWA have 525,000 of the union's 650,000 members. Edmundson noted that the 19 districts that do retain autonomy cast 72 votes of the 287 on the general executive board.



MAX ZARITSKY

Zaritsky Hits GOP on Labor

The Republican labor plank is "full of weasel words—nothing else," in the opinion of Max Zaritsky, president of the AFL United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers.

Commenting on the GOP convention and the candidacy of Thomas E. Dewey, the AFL leader told Federated Press:

"I don't see that his chances are as good as Wilkie's were in 1940. As a labor man, I don't see any reason why any labor man should give Dewey a thought. The Republican labor plank is full of weasel words—nothing else. Nothing to inspire anyone with confidence. We don't accept these Republican promises. We look at the record of New Deal accomplishments."

The GOP platform also drew sharp criticism from O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers International Union, and Alfred Hoffman, vice-president of the CIO American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

"We believe the Republican labor plank ambiguous and inadequate," Knight said. "It does not provide specifically for further improvement in labor legislation and does not in any way provide for the elimination of postwar unemployment. I do not believe Dewey will receive the support of the rank and file of the AFL or CIO."

Hoffman commented that the GOP labor plank was "meaningless." "It criticizes the New Deal but offers no improvement," he said. "It asks for a return to rugged individualism in labor relations and the jungle law so prized by Avery, Pullman, Standard, Girdler and Rand. I could summarize in two words: it stinks."

Dems Choose Ford CIO Leader as Candidate

DETROIT, July 3.—Paul Boatin, Italian-born Ford Motor Co. worker who helped organize the CIO in Ford's empire though he was thrice fired for union activity, is the Democratic candidate for State Representative from the city of Detroit.

Boatin, now director of political action for Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Auto Workers, has been endorsed by the entire CIO and many other groups. He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and of the National Negro Congress and he is president of the Italian-American Labor Committee of Wayne County.

Somervell Hits Fall in Output

COLUMBUS, July 3.—Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army's Service Forces, today told a press conference here that production of vital war needs has fallen off seriously since last November.

"Until we realize that the war isn't over and stop delaying production," said Somervell, "we'll just delay victory that much longer. Berlin is 475 miles from the channel and we've gone 15 miles. Put off that fishing trip: it can come after the war is won."

The output lag was most serious in rubber, heavy trucks and heavy duty equipment used for hauling and most needed now on beachheads. He said aircraft production dropped five percent last month and bomb output must rise 50,000 tons monthly if the present war needs are to be met.

Somervell also warned that there will be less manpower available for production because "mobilization isn't over by a long shot."

"This is no time to be thinking of demobilization. It's a long way to Tokio," he added.

P. S. He Got the Seat

CHICAGO, July 3.—Benjamin Davis, Sr., a Negro delegate from Georgia to the recent Republican Party Convention, fought an attempt to unseat him by Georgia's "pure white" branch. Davis rose to his feet in the crowded committee room and declared:

"I am 62 years old and I do not give a damn what you do to me. I have been a Republican all my life. I have a son, Ben Davis, Jr., who was recently elected to the New York City council by the Communist Party. I say this to remind the Republican Party that it is not the only party in this country. If you refuse to seat a Negro delegate, there are other parties who will!"

He was seated.

Albany Conference On GI Ballot to Spur Statewide Activity

A statewide conference to speed New York action on the soldier vote will be held Thursday, July 13, at the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, it was announced yesterday. Preparations

'Times' Fondly Hugs Mistakes

Whatever the cause, the New York Times, which last April went haywire in interpreting a treatise on economics in the Soviet publication, Pod Znamenem Marksizma (Under the Banner of Marxism) returned to the scene of the crime Sunday and yesterday.

The reenactment, carried through for the second time by Will Lissner, the same Times man who wrote the April articles, benefited by a full English translation made by the U. S. Embassy in Moscow, but even that didn't help much. Lissner stubbed his toe just the same.

His new articles cover even more space than those of April, but they add nothing except the discovery that Marxists distinguish between Nazi imperialism and imperialism in Britain and the U. S. Millions who make no pretense to being learned discovered that long ago.

Readers interested in the question will find articles in the Daily Worker issues of April 4 and 5 dealing with Lissner's statements. Articles dealing further with economic theory in the Soviet Union will appear in forthcoming issues.

Rollcall Champions For N. Y. District

New York District of the CPA has four clubs which are pacesetters in the rollcall by which every member gets a new membership card. These clubs are:

Moshulu-Norwood Club with 232 members and 94 percent enrolled.

11th AD in Manhattan with 317 members and 89 percent enrolled.

Chelsea Club with 575 members and 85 percent enrolled.

Henry Hudson Club, 343 members and 82 percent enrolled.

Every other club in the city is challenged to follow their example.

are being made by a broad non-partisan citizens' committee which includes Mrs. Kenneth Simpson, widow of the late Republican leader; Norman Corwin, Moss Hart, Judge Anna M. Kross, Paul O'Dwyer and Jane Cowl.

Trade unions are being urged to send as many delegates as possible and the Greater New York CIO Council is making a special drive for participation by its affiliates.

Gov. Dewey has only until July 15 to request the federal war ballot and the conference will be a climax to a petition and postcard drive to convince him to take the necessary steps to facilitate voting by New York's 900,000 servicemen and women.

Meanwhile New York laborites are distributing 300,000 petition postcards addressed to Dewey, demanding action on the federal ballot and demanding a special legislative session to simplify the state system. Circulation of 300,000 petitions to the same effect is also under way.

Negro Beauties Bid For Miss Subways

Three beautiful young women were the finalists in the "Negro Miss Subways Contest" held at the first benefit dance at the Savoy Ballroom on June 28, sponsored by the Harlem Youth Center of American Youth For Democracy. These young ladies, Hybernia McAdoo, Mildred Harris and Elsie Mae Newton, are all planning to apply for a personal interview with the staff of Miss Subways, Inc., at the Powers Model Agency Studio on July 8.

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DIFFERING from practically any other Fourth of July in our history, today's celebrations cannot be dismissed with the usual oratory, the usual fire-crackers (where they are still allowed), the usual picnic of soda-pop and hot-dogs. There will be all of that, of course. But by comparison with the meaning of the Fourth for this particular year, the customary celebrations will seem superficial indeed.

From Minsk, where the Red Army is following its initiative with tremendous power and brilliance, to the western front where our soldiers and the British are hammering out positions for the next stage of the advance, round to the Marianas and China the outlook is optimistic, but hard.

Men are fighting and dying, giving their best to defeat the enemy quickly. It is with them always in mind that the home front can allow itself a day of celebration.

And why is it that the Fourth of July is so special a day this year? Why is it that men and women of our time must turn to the best pages of our past, re-study them, and appreciate again and again their lessons and inspiration?

A Vast Step Forward

For one thing, the Fourth reminds us that our country was born in a tremendous, revolutionary upheaval that marked a new and vast step forward for all of humanity. Ours was a country that broke new ground, that furrowed new fields of human experience, paved the way for democratic government, for the growth of the productive forces of modern man. The Declaration of Independence, proclaimed at Philadelphia, fresh from the pen of a truly world figure, Thomas Jefferson, is something for Americans to be proud of. It was a brave document of its time, a milestone in the advance of democracy the world over.

But that War of Independence also has more concrete lessons. How often we forget the immense difficulties under which the war was fought, how long—eight long years—the war took, how bleak the outcome seemed at times, how desperate and powerful were the Tories inside of our own land!

In his fine book, *The Unvanquished*, Howard Fast gives a picture of the terrible defeats which the new American armies suffered in '76, the hardships of the rout from New York, the retreat across New Jersey, the first winter near Trenton. And he also gives a picture of how unashamed were the Tories of that time, how openly they reveled in the recapture of New York and how shamelessly they carried on in Philadelphia even while the "continentals" were being held together only by the stubborn, unyielding spirit of George Washington. It was almost two years before the tide of battle really turned. It was eight years after the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia before Washington's job was finished.

If history means anything, it means to derive inspiration for the present, and confidence in the future. Today—as again during the Civil War—the American home front is faced by the most sinister operations of defeatists, the reckless sabotage of Republican Party leaders, the most scurrilous vilification of our great war leader, President Roosevelt.

It does not excuse these enemies of our war effort to recall that the same kind of men were equally vigorous in the War of Independence. But it does give us the energy and confidence to defeat those forces today as they were defeated by Washington.

The World at Stake

The era in which we live is different. Our alliances—with unconquerable Russia, with redoubtable Britain, with China, with the free peoples of the whole world—are far grander than the alliance of the young, struggling American republic. At that time, the stake was one nation, fighting to live in unity and independence. Today, the stake is all of humanity, fighting to defeat all those who would draw us back to barbarism, fighting to reconstruct the world on sound foundations of peace and plenty.

But in certain respects the issue is the same. We have the Tories in our own midst, agents and friends of the enemy. We have an even more bitter assault on the President and his indispensable leadership in the next four years, than Washington and Jefferson faced. But we have also as a guarantee of our victory the same guts and perseverance of the common man, the common soldier, the patriotic unity of our people, overriding issues of class and race and faith and political party.

It is in this spirit that we celebrate today's Fourth of July.

GLOBAL CELEBRATION



— To Tell the Truth —

Our Flag Is Still There

By Robert Minor

IT is only five generations since that Fourth of July 168 years ago when 56 men in the Continental Congress pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to found this nation.

That means there was not yet a United States when your grandfathers' grandfathers were young. At the moment when Jefferson sat down regretfully to strike out the rejected part of his draft of the Declaration of Independence in which he had denounced slavery—each one of you had from 16 to 32 grandfathers' grandfathers and just as many grandmothers' grandmothers running around somewhere in the world. One of my 32 of that time, a member of the Gloucester County Committee of Safety, John Page, received at his home, "Rosewell," near Fredericksburg, Va., a visit from Thomas Jefferson during the days preceding the Continental Congress of June and July, 1776. Page took Jefferson up to the lead-covered flat roof of his home, and Jefferson sat there in a big rocking chair to read aloud a document he had brought with him. No one knows now what the document was, but old folks have speculated that it might have been an early draft of what later became the Declaration; and it is known that Jefferson had been working on such a statement of principles. After Jefferson had gone, John Page tore the lead off the roof to make bullets.

THE United States grew up and became the best country at making bullets and 16-inch shells and aerial bombs and giant airplanes and tanks and also things for peace time. Reasons for this were Valley Forge and George Washington and Jefferson and John Paul Jones and the black man Crispus Attucks shouting to white men to stand firm while he was falling, the first of all to die.

In our history you will see that every time the United States came to a dead end—we had the guts to bust through. Jefferson knew that the nation required of him not formality but leadership, and so he bought the heart of the land mass of North America from Napoleon overnight with no authority except our country's need to become a vast continental

democracy instead of being one of many little strips of nations as nations were in Europe.

Then we appeared to be about to die in the blind alley of a nation half slave and half free. But it turned out we were the kind in which Lincoln's grow in the woods. With no authority as President to change it, but knowing his duty to save the nation, Lincoln as Commander in Chief of the Army used the gigantic war weapon, the Emancipation Proclamation. We're the land where Fred Douglass licked his boss and escaped from slavery and told Lincoln to "get out your big black fist and fight with both hands" and recruited soldiers for the U.S. Army.

Lincoln said "This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it" and to give farm land the size of Europe free to strange men and women from all over the world; we grew strong on the daring that is found in people who cross oceans to make homes.

So the United States achieved the strength of concrete, mixed of all people. We are Negroes and white men and gentiles and Jews and Catholics and Methodists and Baptists and Mormons and atheists and Seventh-Day Adventists—we are white, black, brown and red, sons of Irishmen and Africans and Englishmen and Yugoslavs and Italians; we are that strange strong thing that the whole world produced—Americans.

Fifteen years ago with our giant machines we had manufactured so much food and clothing and things to make people happy that we became hungry and naked and unhappy; but we had the guts to ditch Hoover and to refuse to peddle apples to each other as a dying nation: and so we got going again.

We became too democratic to die. The massive, impregnable core of voluntary organization of the people that is inevitable to all modern democracy crystallized within us—the great trade unions reaching deeper than the crust

of craft skill and into the mass of labor and making the United States invincible in war and unshakable in democracy.

IN the 1940s the biggest test came. Our Hearsts and Hoovers and Germany's Hitler said we would have to be soft. The morning rays of our sun had faded, they said, and we must give space in the sunlight of the world for Nazism, and beware of the Reds.

The question of life and death was whether the United States was still vital enough to think straight and not to be afraid. If we had been old and timid and soft and Hooverish, we would have faltered and become isolated as 135 million people in a world of 2,000 million people in which Hitler and the Japanese would have controlled three-fourths of the naval power and both of the great oceans to our shores, and four-fifths of the manpower of the world. If we had been soft and scary we would have rejected, at the behest of Hitler and on the advice of Hoover and his Albany pupil, the friendship of the men of Stalingrad—the only men in the world whom Hitler had tried and failed to defeat.

The alternative was to be bold and to bust through the dead end.

We did. We proved through the night that our flag was still there.

Cherbourg and Bergerac! Mogilev and Minsk!

How many are "many generations"? Five? We are the only people in the world who are still ahead of those Russians. With them we have opened up the way for the otherwise impossible opportunity—an expanding world economy. We will race them a friendly race with our big machines and I'll bet that in five generations there will still be no people ahead of us and our Stars and Stripes. Because we are strong and have got the guts.

Worth Repeating

THE INFANTRY JOURNAL editorial on Soldier Vote in June issue:

Despite many technicalities that apparently had to be licked if a practical voting method were to be found, there has only been one question in the mind of the soldier or sailor: "Are we going to have our right to vote?" That was the main point and it will always be the main point until an adequate way is found for the service man to vote in every Federal election, whether it comes in war or peace.

Today's Guest Column

Tales I Never Told—The Man With the Itchy Palm

by John L. Spivak

IN 1936, after I had published a number of magazine articles exposing Nazi propaganda and espionage activities in the United States, I decided to go to Germany. The few persons with whom I discussed my plan advised against it. The Gestapo, they assured me, knew about the expose and if they got me within their own borders I would just be out of luck.

I weighed my chances of not being bothered by the Gestapo and decided they were in my favor. The Olympic games were scheduled for that year and the Nazis were anxious to present a good front to the world and especially to the United States. If I were killed or arrested or disappeared in Germany it would create an international incident which would react against them. It was to their advantage that nothing happen to me, and consequently, I felt I would be safe. But, since the Nazis were not fools, they would undoubtedly prefer not to let me enter Germany in the first place, which they could do by the simple procedure of not giving me a visa.

The real problem was to get the visa, and not what the Gestapo might do to me in Germany. My name was known to all German consuls here and they certainly would

not grant me one. I thought of trying to get it in Europe but learned that a prospective visitor to Germany had to get his visa in the country of origin. For several days I considered various ways of getting it one but each had an element of risk which I did not want to take. Failure to get it at the first try might ruin future chances.

FINALLY I thought of a man in New York who, I knew, kept in touch with the German underground by courier. Somehow he managed to get people into Germany. Most of them were seamen but I knew he had also sent men who were not seamen which meant that he had a way of getting visas. We knew one another and I went to him with the blunt request that he get me one.

"I won't get it for you," he said, "but I'll tell you how you can get it."

The shadow of the Gestapo hung even over the New York office building from which he directed his work. He would not talk in his office though only a handful of people knew its location or the nature of its activities. We went to a nearby restaurant and there gave me details of how to get a visa at the German Consulate General's office in New York, the name and a detailed description of the man I was to see, the time to drop around and the exact procedure to be fol-

lowed. In the meantime he would get word to him that I would be around.

"Is he anti-Nazi?" I asked.

"No," he said dryly. "He's just a Nazi who concluded that the whole Nazi machine is composed of grafters and racketeers so he started a little racket of his own."

A FEW days later I showed up at the Consulate General's offices, and asked for the man I was to see. When he came out I recognized him from the description I had been given. I greeted him like an old friend, extended my hand. Folded in the palm, in to as small a square as I could squeeze it, was a hundred dollar bill. He felt it the moment our hands touched, smiled pleasantly and with a practical motion took possession of the compressed bill. He put his hand in a pocket to take out a package of cigarettes. When it came out, I noticed it was no longer slightly cupped. He had dropped the bill into his pocket when he put his hand in it for the cigarettes.

I told him I wanted a visa. He took my passport, excused himself for a few minutes and then returned it to me, with the visa in it, stamped and initialed.

"Fifty cents, please," he said casually.

"I gave him a half dollar, the price of the visa, thanked him and walked out certain that now I could enter Germany at any point on her borders.

Views On Labor News

NEWSPAPERS marked the formal expiration date of WPA Saturday with stories gleefully announcing that the "New Deal's biggest spending agency" expired unnoticed and unlamented. They reminded us that in nine years WPA spent the enormous sum of \$10,136,743,293. The stories and radio comments breathed with relief that at long last WPA has been officially buried. Now for an anti-spending Dewey.

No one of normal mind lamented the passing of WPA. It was a temporary agency to give men and women a chance to at least live until real employment channels were available. But it is nonsense to dismiss WPA as a "spending" agency, as Hoover-Dewey partisans are doing.

In the first place, the visible material results of WPA that we have today, are a bargain if the expenditure upon them is compared to the present probable cost. I refer to the 116,000 public buildings that were added to our national wealth, including 25,000 for our armed forces; 644,000 miles of road, 77,000 bridges, 800 airports built or improved; 1,500 nursery schools; 400 recreation centers near war industry and military camps, and thousands of like useful projects.

HOOVER and his political offspring, Dewey, called this "leaf raking." Had all his construction not taken place in good time, we would have had to spend perhaps more, building in hothouse fashion in order to meet the threat of fascism. The bulk of those projects proved their usefulness in the war effort and a tremendous part in our ability to achieve what we did in our war economy and military preparation, as well as to stand the strain on our civilian life.

No less important and equally tangible, is the WPA result in human values. The human element has no value in GOP ruling circles as was so well demonstrated in the days when Hoover was in the White House. Too many of us don't think beyond 11 years. And many were kids at school starting age in 1933.

But I remember the Hoovervilles. One Hooverville that stands out vividly was outside Sacramento, Cal., where I went to see the "Mayor"—a Communist, by the way. Those shanties of corrugated tin or cardboard; the boxes, tin cans, and all sorts of improvised affairs and broken thrown-away furniture that made up "households," the rags that served as clothing for those thousands of men, women and children—that's a scene no one could forget. Certainly not those who lived through it.

WPA Passes, But We Mustn't Forget the Hoovervilles

by George Morris

ANOTHER place was "Pipe City" outside Oakland where many jobless were fortunate to claim sections of large concrete pipes for sleeping quarters until police drove them out. Who can forget Hoover's soup lines. A daily line of 5,000 ragged men stood for an hour or more, at times in a down-pour, outside a San Francisco shelter.

WPA gave employment to 8,500,000 with 30,000,000 dependents, during the nine years. Those were men and women who were given statistics show an appalling number of regains at least a minimum of health and morale, to preserve their skills and otherwise be fit people in a community. Countless thousands of skilled men were available for war work, thanks to WPA. Army statistics show an appalling number of rejects for physical reasons. But how many more hundreds of thousands would have been rejected had the undernourished youths and children of 1932-33 not received the pickup that WPA gave them?

Hoover in putting forward a younger version of himself, hopes that millions of voters have forgotten the Hooverville days. The full employment and much higher standards that we have today, do tend to put us in a forgetful frame of mind. But it is well to keep the past before us—especially when some folks approach us so sympathetically on our present-day minor inconveniences for a vote against Roosevelt.

Science Notebook

By PETER STONE

Next month marks an anniversary of the birth of the great eighteenth century French scientist, Antoine Laurent Lavoisier, who bears the title, "Father of modern Chemistry." This honorarium is given the chemist because he was the first to understand the need for development of quantitative methods in chemistry.

At the foundation of all chemical thought is his proof of the law of conservation of matter. By a series of experiments he showed that chemical change could be expressed by a mathematical equation. The resultant products were always equal to the sum of the reacting substances.

PHLOGISTON THEORY OVERTHROWN

Thus he founded a given amount of mercury in a known volume of air to form mercury oxide. His chemical balance showed an increase in weight of the oxide, and further analysis showed a decrease in volume of the residual air. This air would not support com-

bustion and small animals died in it in a few minutes.

He grasped the all-important fact that to explain this and many similar experiments, the prevalent theory of combustion known as phlogiston was not necessary.

Joseph Black produced "fixed air" (carbon dioxide) and studied its properties. Cavendish discovered hydrogen, the inflammable gas. Priestley isolated oxygen and Scheele reported on the combustion experiments with sulfur and phosphorus.

Lavoisier knew of some of these experiments, but he chose to ignore the discoverers. Failure to give due credit for the work of his predecessors got him into hot water with Priestley and Cavendish. But a recent study of his personal notebook reveals that inspiration for the theory of combustion was an original one. By 1789 his published work, "Treatise on Chemistry," had become the accepted source book, and phlogiston was relegated to the historical relics.

NOMENCLATURE SYSTEM

Further credit must be given the scientist for devising a system or rational nomenclature. The "French School" of chemists, Berthollet, Fourcroy and de Moutteau, first adherents of his quantitative methods and anti-phlogis-

tonists, were his collaborators in this great work.

Lavoisier met death by execution at the guillotine and his celebrations are usually marked with bitter denunciations of the leaders of the French Revolution by certain scientific circles. This year is no exception, and Lamotte du Pont was chosen to deliver an estimate of the scientist before the American Section of Chemical Industry. Du Pont has more than a reactionary interest in denouncing the revolutionists of France. The early family fortune was bound up with Lavoisier, and it was a loan from the scientist that helped establish the publishing company of Pierre Samuel du Pont. The son of the publisher, Eleuthere Irenee, was apprenticed to Lavoisier at the arsenal, where he learned the science of making gunpowder.

But despite all denunciations it is quite apparent that Lavoisier was executed not because "France had no need of savants," but for the reason that he had become a member of the infamous ferme generale.

This organization was a privileged association in France, which farmed or leased the public revenue of the nation under the old regime.

The annual national revenue to be collected was fixed at a certain amount, and all returns above this sum went into the pockets of the farmers-general, most of whom accumulated large fortunes and were personally corrupt. They quickly obtained political power and bribed many finance ministers to continue this ruinous system.

Lavoisier knew that they had become the most hated individuals in France. Even the recent sympathetic biography "Torch and Crucible" by Princeton Professor Sidney J. French says, "It is difficult to understand why Lavoisier chose to enter this nefarious system... He knew the malodorous history of the tax farm, since in his investigations of it he prepared a paper on its history which is still an interesting and important document."

The detestation in which the farmers-general were held culminated in the execution of Lavoisier and 31 others, when the revolutionists swept into power.

Despite petty scientific plagiarisms—and association with the corrupt ferme generale, Lavoisier stands out as the organizer of all the practical and theoretical chemical knowledge accumulated up to his time.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Cinema Listings

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily Worker, in its tabloid garb, has now got up a much better radio program presentation than it ever had. This has led to general reader satisfaction, we know. Now why not do the same with listings of the movies? There is a problem of space, but it's just too bad that we have to go to other papers for full movie listings. Could we not give the programs in all New York City houses?

FRIEND.

Burlesque Pro And Con

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Burlesque in the old days was often a gay and refreshing form of entertainment. Lots of hilarious comedians came from burlesque including the irrepressible Bobby Clark. Burlesque tradition is rooted in America's idea of rowdy fun and caused Anthony Comstock many a headache. So as an old burlesquer may I object to the conclusion of Joe Starobin's article in today's D. W. on Claire Boothe Luce where he refers to the crummy glamour gals "the inspiration of the GOP bringing burlesque to their recent convention."

First of all Claire's performance was hardly a burlesque. Your editorial comment proving that she speaks for the "American Firsters" carries the menace tied up in the little prize package that makes up the glamorous "Connecticut Madam." Secondly a Luce yapping to undermine the cause for which so many American boys have gladly given their lives for needs in my opinion a tougher conclusion in the Daily Worker than the somewhat flippant reference to "GOP Burlesque." Actually the point made is a criticism of an article that was very good; but weakened its tone by a careless ending.

ABE MOSCOW.

Showing Up the Republicans

Editor, Daily Worker:

Perhaps the worst act of the Republican convention has been its incitation of the people against the price control measure and other necessary war controls. This has been a low-grade performance that should be shown up and castigated from one end of the country to the other. It is the Republicans who are chiefly to blame for any rise in the price of goods, including food, as they blocked and bucked every proposal by President Roosevelt that would have gone even farther than has been the case. As it is, the President's stand has saved us from chaos.

PRO-FDR.

Wake Up Philadelphia!

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why don't Philadelphians, all Clubs, Unions and Fraternal organizations make greater use of the "What's On" column for publicizing all kinds of affairs. Readers, whether casual or regular, visitors, and servicemen on visits, often turn to this column to find out what's doing in the City of Brotherly Love. Usually they are disappointed because only New York affairs are publicized. What is the matter with Philadelphians?

A. COLEMAN

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Nazis Murdered 1,715,000 Jews In Death Camps Over 2 Year Period

In America the kids are gleeful on this Fourth of July and the grownups think proudly of their forefathers who brought forth a nation dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

And in the grim Nazi camps of Birkenau and Auschwitz in German Silesia horror walks by day and night.

There 1,715,000 Jewish men, women and children were taken into special chambers during just two years—April, 1942-April, 1944.

They were told to strip and then the cyanide gas was turned on. In a few minutes they were dead. Their bodies were stuffed into crematories (50 furnaces at Birkenau) and only ashes remained.

REMEMBER THIS FIGURE

One million seven hundred and fifteen thousand Jewish people, young and old. Let

this figure sear your memory. It was confirmed by yesterday's New York Times in a report from two conservative European relief organizations in Switzerland.

The estimate does not include those 400,000 Jews from Hungary loaded into cattle cars for delivery to the Silesian hell, 30 percent of whom died enroute.

This is a summary of two years of murder, two years of Hitler's program to exterminate the Jewish people.

There have been many reports before—the Soviet government, the exile governments have told of the vast torture chambers, the countless killings. It was too awful to be imagined. Some tried not to believe.

The International Church Movement's Ecumenical Refugee Commission and the Flüchtlingshilfe of Zurich now disclose the

minimum truth. Here is the list, killed in Birkenau and Auschwitz alone:

Poland	900,000
Netherlands	100,000
Greece	45,000
France	150,000
Belgium	50,000
Germany	60,000
Yugoslavia, Italy and Norway	50,000
Bohemia, Moravia and Austria	30,000
Slovakia	30,000
Foreign Jews from various camps in Poland	300,000

This, then, is the grim face of the enemy we fight in Normandy, in Italy. This is the enemy about whom we have no illusions.

Hitler's plan is murder. With him there can be no truce, no turning back. Only complete victory, only the end forever of Nazism. For this we fight.

Indian Leader Exhorts People To Fight Tokio

By P. C. JOSHI

By Cable to the Daily Worker

BOMBAY, July 3. — Dr. Syed Mahmud, speaking for leaders of the Indian National Congress, declared this week that "no anger or bitterness against the government must be allowed to come in the way" of India's defense against Japan.

The statement was contained in a letter to Habib Mahmud, the Congress leader's Communist son, and was published here in our organ, People's War. Its publication has caused a sensation.

After expressing confidence in the Allied armies, Dr. Mahmud stated: "The Japanese invasion of India must have agitated you a great deal. Real enthusiasm should be created in the country against it, and the morale of the country should be kept up."

"No anger or bitterness against the government must be allowed to come in the way of this matter. Whatever may be our differences, with the government, we are all one in this respect."

"You can speak about it to others, and tell them what we think about it. There will probably be misunderstanding about it in the minds of the people through the government's own propaganda against us. You have already been working for it for a year now."

Dr. Mahmud is at present in the same jail, Fort Ahmednagar, with all other members of the Congress Working Committee. The use of the plural expression "we" indicates that he is including Jawaharlal Nehru, Abul Kalam Azad and the rest. In other words, Mahmud, in this extremely significant declaration, expressed not just his own personal opinion, but that of all Working Committee members.

Dewey Ducks Foreign Quiz

ALBANY, July 3.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey ducked all questions on foreign policy during an hour-long press conference here today.

He was asked his opinion on the break with Finland, on our relations with Gen. De Gaulle, and on the part foreign policy would play in the election campaign, but refused to answer.

The Governor intimated that his campaign would get going early when he said that national headquarters would be opened probably on Wednesday at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York and he "may have to do some travelling" next month.

Form Council of All Religions in USSR

A coordinating council of religious denominations has been organized in the Soviet Union, according to an announcement Saturday on the Moscow Radio.

Religions included are Greek and Roman Catholic, Mohammedan, Jewish, Buddhist, the Armenian Gregorian church, the Old Believers' church, and Protestant denominations.

Priest to Address City CIO Thursday

The Rev. J. Emmett McDonald of Brooklyn Catholic Charities will address the Greater New York CIO Council Thursday night at Fraternal Clubhouse.

Father McDonald, chairman of the Joint Committee of Labor and Welfare Agencies, which coordinates trade union and social work groups, will discuss community problems. Miss Charlotte Carr, director of the New York State CIO Political Action Committee, will discuss problems of registration.

Currency Confab Faces U. S.-Anglo Differences

As the international currency discussions get under way in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, where 44 delegations of the United Nations are exploring proposals for a

world currency fund and a world investment bank, it appears that the problem of Anglo-American relations will determine whether the confab succeeds.

Although the draft plans for the conference represent a compromise of British and American viewpoints on world currency stabilization, the most conservative circles in both countries are keeping up a drum-fire against the Bretton Woods meeting.

On the American side, the New York Times has been featuring and apparently inviting American financial circles to oppose any plan for a stabilization fund or an investment bank. The Times argues from the viewpoint that the United States will emerge strong enough from the war to maintain full freedom of economic action and use its superior power to break into British markets at will.

BRITISH FEARS

On the British side, there is a great caution toward the conference plans, based on a fear of American trade supremacy, a fear of tying the British trade to the gold standard in any form. British financial circles are also afraid, evidently, that any world investment bank would prove to be an instrument of economic domination by the United States.

In this country, the dominant financial opinion want to avoid all agreements that would appear to put a check on American economic superiority, or give the government any sort of control over American economic operations. In Britain the issue is not so much between the financial community and the British government, but more a fear of

American plans as such.

A concrete example of Anglo-American crossfire came yesterday when the NAM News, a weekly bulletin of the National Manufacturers Association, alleged that wartime agreements with Britain are resulting in a freeze-out of American leather-belt exports to certain British Empire markets.

The NAM charges that operations of the Combined Production and Research Board, representing the U. S., Britain, and Canada, were working out in such a way as to trench the British in the leather-belt exports field (in India for example) while American rivals were squeezed out.

William L. Batt, head of the board, replied sarcastically that the

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European Partisans Turn Tables on Nazis

Guerillas in France and Italy, turning the tables on German occupationists, are executing ten Nazi captives in reprisal for any one patriot hostage murdered, according to recent press reports.

The French Forces of the Interior captured some German mountain troops and a customs agent along the Franco-Swiss border, and according to a French communiqué recorded by United Press Saturday night, all will be condemned if captured FFI soldiers are not treated as regular war prisoners.

Meanwhile travellers at Ankara reported that Bulgarian partisans have taken the Balkan rail center of Cernabreg, between Sofia and Varna. Italian fighters of the Garibaldi Brigades were said by Swiss sources to have wiped out the

Milanese rail junction at Greco and captured the town of Lecco on Lake Como, killing Gen. Maeltzer, former Rome commandant, in the battle.

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Club Life

By SAMUEL BARRON

(A column devoted to the activities of Communist Political Association clubs and members).

The Pace sisters is the way the two elderly ladies are usually referred to in the Mt. Eden Club, Bronx. And to the members, it is a more endearing term than any first names.

For the Pace sisters are real heroes of the Communist movement, in which they have been for many, many years. Originally Maltesians, they have made their contribution to their adopted country. Quietly they have been plugging away, concerned not with honors but with results. They never miss a meeting, never fail to volunteer for important work. They have gone out week after week selling The Worker, bringing in signed petitions, collecting funds, getting subscriptions. Recently they each pledged \$100 for the fund drive, and in less than two weeks turned in the full amount and made additional pledges. Despite work in the National Biscuit Co. factory, they volunteered to visit subscribers to get them to a Daily Worker Readers Conference.

Sunnyside Club, Queens, is holding a county fair at club headquarters July 7 and 8. Under the leadership of Mary Oppen, club chairman, quite a program has been arranged. There will be a food booth, a booth for art contributed by artists in the community, jewelry and pottery booths. The fair will wind up with square dancing on Saturday eve. This is a follow-up of a sale of cake and jelly made by members which was held at the home of Mrs. Augusta Cherry, also a club member.

This item, we hope, is the beginning of the flood that will satisfy this column's curiosity about Queens. And how's your indignation? If the anonymous Queens member who sent in the two clippings to prove we had no right being curious, will get in touch with Fay Callery Vedro, Queens CPA secretary, he or she will receive an answer.

100 pints of blood in one month has been the pledge made to President Roosevelt by Flatbush Club, Brooklyn, to demonstrate its support of the invasion. In two weeks time, over one half of the pledge was fulfilled, and the club is now certain it will be doubled by the end of the prescribed time.

The 6th A. D. Club, Manhattan, has invented a new game, a "Get Mad Quiz." Ruth Mooney, press director, makes statements that sound as though they came out of Pegler's or Norman Thomas' mouths. At this the air sizzles as hot arguments fly. What's more, you can't get along very well unless you've read the Daily Worker, the Communist and Browder's "Teheran" pretty carefully.

West Farms Club, Bronx is on the streets with tables for soldier vote ballots and blood donor registrations. . . . The Greenwich Village Club contributed \$25 to Soldier Vote Committee of 1st A. D. John T. McManus, chairman of Committee, in letter of thanks, said, "Your \$25 will make sure 1,000 more boys receive the applications."

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Guatemalans Guard New Liberty

By EREN FARRILL

MEXICO CITY, July 3. — The three-man junta to which Guatemalan President Gen. Jorge Ubico delegated presidential powers when he was forced to resign on Saturday was chosen by the army. Although army rule is a familiar pattern for the rise of new dictatorships, it is felt here that such a development is improbable.

First, the army and police in Guatemala have been opposed and maltreated during Ubico's regime, and hated the president-dictator.

Second, apparently seeing that Guatemala was becoming unhealthy for tyrants, as early as Friday ex-President Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez, the Salvadoran dictator ousted in May, fled Guatemala where he had taken refuge. Others

deserted the sinking ship in advance: Secretary-treasurer Campos resigned and Sr. DeLeon, unofficial Minister of Propaganda, then disappeared in an airplane, then disappeared and may have been assassinated.

Third, the end of the dictatorship was backed by a tremendous popular uprising. Two provinces are still reported to be in revolt—Quetzaltenango and Tonicoapan. Twelve thousand people demonstrated in Guatemala City hailing the dictator's resignation.

Thousands of women and children in mourning paraded in the streets last week after the student and general strikes were smashed in bloody attacks, in which 350 women were killed. The general strike itself showed organization and determina-

tion by the people. For instance, nobody would ride in the trolleys when the soldiers and police ran them and the regular drivers were in hiding. Nobody entered the stores forced open by military decree.

It is not likely that a people so unanimously aroused will allow themselves to be dragged back to the fascist-like rule under which they have been suffering so long. Central America is coming proudly to the world family of democracy.



Albanian Partisans Quadruple Strength

The Albanian Army of National Liberation, under the command of Enver Hoxha, has gained fourfold in strength during the last three months, according to British officers who witnessed its fighting, as reported by Russell Hill in yesterday's Herald Tribune.

Large mountainous areas west of the Pogradets-Coritsa road are still under partisan control. Elections were held in May for a national Anti-Fascist Committee to administer liberated territory. Hoxha is president and Myslim Fza vice-president.

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These aren't bad teams for a war year. The pitching will hold up against most other years and so will the fielding. Its in the hitting department that the war's affect becomes obvious. The American League outfield of Case, Cullenbine, Hockett, Johnson, Spence and Tucker is strictly from ersatz when you remember Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Charlie Keller and the other batting blockbusters.

Over in the National League, however, the boys have managed to put together a real clubbing outfield composed of Mel Ott, Dixie Walker, Augie Galan, Stan Musial, Billy Nicholson and Joe Medwick. This is unquestionably as hard hitting a bunch of gardeners as the National League has had since the advent of this midsummer night's dream game.

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Walters—Cincinnati	Ott—New York	Newson—Philadelphia	York—Detroit
Catchers	Medwick—New York	Page—New York	Case—Washington
W. Cooper—St. Louis	Walker—Brooklyn	Trout—Detroit	Cullenbine—Cleveland
Mueller—Cincinnati	Galan—Brooklyn	Catchers	Hockett—Cleveland
Owen—Brooklyn	DiMaggio—Pittsburgh	Ferrell—Washington	Johnson—Boston
Infielders	Musial—St. Louis	Hayes—Philadelphia	Spence—Washington
McCormick—Cinn.	Nicholson—Chicago	Hemsley—New York	Tucker—Chicago

The Yanks managed to place three men, pitchers Hank Borowy and Joe Page and catcher Rollie Hemsley. This is much better than had been expected of the riddled ex-Bombers, although only Borowy will probably get into the contest.

Them lovely Dodgers also got three on it—Dixie Walker, still leading the league in belting despite our obituary yesterday, Augie Galan, great clutch hitter and money player, and receiver Mickey Owen who is having a whale of a year with the hickory and who is, and always has been, a helluva ball player.

The fourth place Giants didn't fare too badly, with Ottie and Muscles Medwick getting the call. None of the other Giants figured to make it except, probably, Bill Voiselle, who is the freshman hurling star of the year in the National League and who's earned run average is still slightly sensational.

Now that the teams have been named the annual pot-shot contest begins. For one thing, why was one-and-five-ninths-no-hit Jim Tobin left off the squad? The Boston veteran is at his career's best and what's more throws just the pitch that figures to perplex the fast ball hitting American Leaguers.

Another surprise was the failure to name Mort Cooper to the old loop squad. The Cardinal right hander did start slowly but is now moving in high and is still one of the best clutch pitchers in the business. The "experts" will remind you that Morton has had a penchant for getting beat by the American League. But that's strictly from hooey. He proved it last year by whipping the Yanks in the second game of the World Series even though his heart was heavy with the news of his father's death. And he didn't exactly disgrace himself while losing that 2-0 final game to Spud Chandler. If you remember, Mort struck out the first five Yanks to face him and the only runs of the contest came on Bill Dickey's homer in the sixth.

Like the Yanks of old, the Cardinals dominate their league's squad with no less than six men—pitchers Max Lanier and George Munger, catcher Walker Cooper, infielders Slat Marion and Whitey Kuroski and outfielder Stan Musial.

We have an idea the Cardinal team, as is, could take on the American League squad and trim it just as the Yanks, en toto, of former years could have whipped the National League teams.

But that may start an argument and it's much too hot for those things these days.

Dodgers, Yanks, Giants

LOCAL CLUBS FLOUNDERING

by Phil Gordon

It wasn't a very successful week the three local teams just finished. For the Yanks, beginning their highly important stand at home, it was without gain at all—and they HAVE to gain now—for the Dodg-

ers out west it was disastrous—and straight against the Cubs and the for the Giants it was sad indeed.

Of the three clubs the Yanks did best. They won their first two contests from the league-leading St. Louis Browns, but were blanked in the finale and then went on to drop two more in a row to the Chicago White Sox before taking the second game of Sunday's double header.

The Yanks suddenly have gotten the fielding jitters. Two of the games to the Sox were unbelievable. The Yanks made four errors in the ninth inning of Borowy's lovely stint to lose and in Sunday's opener poor Ossie Grimes kicked away three balls in one inning to give the Sox another gift.

Besides these demoralizing factors the Yanks lost three of their aces with minor injuries.

The Dodgers have lost six

straight against the Cubs and the Cardinals, and to add to Durocher's troubles the whole team, outside of Dixie Walker, has fallen into a batting slump. Dixie took back the batting lead from Musial on Sunday when he got four hits while Musial got only one. He now leads the Cardinal slugger .380 to .368.

The Giants did poorly against the Pirates who moved over to Cincinnati where it seemed they would be run all over. But after Bill Voiselle had lost another heartbreaker in the opener, Johnny Allen came back for his best pitching job in the last few seasons, blanking the Reds 7-0 with only three hits.

But the Giants have fallen off in their hitting—all except Joe Medwick—and if they fall off their they are really in trouble.

Cubans, Eagles In Negro League Twin Bill Today

Jimmy Hill, diminutive south-paw, ex-batting practice pitcher of the Detroit Tigers, who used to give Hank Greenberg a lot of trouble in spring training at Lakeland, Fla. will be on display at Ebbets Field today. The cunning little portside with a large repertoire of tricky stuff, will hurl one of the games for the Newark Eagles in their Negro National League doubleheader with the New York Cuban Stars. Jimmy has been slow to round into form this season but he has finally arrived and the catchers report that they never saw him with more or better stuff. The fans are clamoring to have Dave Barnhill, whose specialty was beating major league clubs in exhibition games in Cuba, oppose Hill.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis	40	31	.563	—
Boston	38	32	.543	1 1/2
New York	34	32	.515	3 1/2
Chicago	32	31	.508	4
Washington	33	38	.478	6
Detroit	33	37	.471	6 1/2
Cleveland	33	37	.471	6
Philadelphia	31	38	.449	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis	45	19	.703	—
Pittsburgh	34	27	.557	9 1/2
Cincinnati	36	31	.537	10 1/2
New York	34	33	.507	12 1/2
Brooklyn	33	36	.478	14 1/2
Philadelphia	27	37	.422	18
Boston	28	40	.412	19
Chicago	33	37	.393	20

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.	WHN—1650 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc.	WNEW—1190 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.	WLIE—1190 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.	WOV—1290 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.	WVLD—1330 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.	WBNY—1400 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.	WQXR—1500 Kc.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00—WEAF—Road of Life	WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—News; Talks; Music	WABC—Honey Moon Hill
11:15—WEAF—Vic and Sade	WABC—News; Recorded Music
WABC—Second Husband	11:30—WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Quiz Wizard	WJZ—News; Cliff Edwards, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon	11:45—WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Tobe's Topics	WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00—WEAF—News Reports	WJZ—Glamor Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat	WMCA—News; Recorded Music
12:15—WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis	WOR—Musical Appetizer
WABC—Big Sister	12:30—WEAF—Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell
WOR—News; Juke Box	WJZ—News; American Marches
WABC—Helen Trent	12:45—WJZ—Farm-Home Makers
WABC—Our Gal Sunday	1:00—WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—News; Jack Berch, Songs	WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful	WABC—News; Recorded Music
1:15—WJZ—Women's Exchange Show	WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30—WOR—Lopez Orchestra	WABC—Barnardine Flynn, News
1:45—WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News	WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Little Jack Little, Songs	WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00—WEAF—The Guiding Light	WOR—Talk—Martha Deane
WJZ—News; Walter Kiernan	WABC—Portia Faces Life
WMCA—News; Recorded Music	2:15—WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—The Mystery Chef	WABC—Joyce Jordan
2:30—WEAF—Woman in White	WOR—News; Consumer Quiz
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated	WABC—Young Dr. Malone
2:45—WEAF—Hymns of All Churches	WABC—Perry Mason
2:55—WQXR—News; Request Music	3:00—WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—The Smoothies, Songs	WABC—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Marlin	WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:15—WEAF—Ma Perkins	WOR—Success Stories
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time	WABC—The Jubalaires, Songs
WMCA—Broadway—Ethel Colby	3:30—WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum	WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—Bob Trout, News	WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:45—WEAF—Right to Happiness	WABC—The High Places
4:00—WEAF—Treasury Department Salute	

Strikes Out 15, Loses on Errors

Satchel Paige Hurls A Memorable Game

by Bill Mardo

Fifteen thousand pairs of eyes were intently focused on the tall, spindly Negro hurler who was warming up in front of the Kansas City Monarch's dugout. With a casual, almost bored expression, he pumped his long right arm three times . . . flew in there so fast you wondered howinell the catcher ever held onto it.

A middle-aged man seated alongside me chuckled, "Ol' Satch can still bear down."

The loudspeaker blared the line-ups and as the words, "Pitching, Paige," echoed out over Ebbets Field, a tremendous din went up in salute to the hurling wizardry that has become legend to millions of baseball fans.

And then I watched the "old man" put on one of the greatest pitching exhibitions ever seen at Ebbets Field. Satchel Paige was celebrating his 38th birthday on Sunday past, and also his first stint at Ebbets Field. The weather was fine, cool and yet enough sizzle in the sun to keep Satch's arm well baked.

Four innings went by, and the Cuban Stars went through all the motions that ordinarily buy a few hits. They tried waiting the old man out, they swung from their heels, they stepped closer to the plate and then they moved back a bit . . . but it was no sale.

Satch was whipping his fast ball in there more frequently than has been his habit recently, and I want you to know that when Satchel Paige sends a ball on its merry way, it ain't no use swinging. That pill

Satch was winning 2-1 with a brilliant one-hitter as the Cubans came up for their last try. Again a scratch single and another miserable Monarch bobbie in the outfield sent the tying run across and put a runner on third. Paige purposely passed the next two batters, filling the bases with none out. What happened? One man was nipped at the plate, the next hitter was fanned on three pitched balls, and Satch got the third out on a puny popup to second. That's all brother.

Well, the game he should ordinarily have won with 2-1 went 11 innings as the Cubans finally found Paige with Martinez's long single scoring a man from second. Satch was a wee bit peeved as he walked off the mound, despite the roaring testimonial to his greatness.

A guy doesn't like to lose after fanning fifteen men . . . and especially when he's celebrating his 38th birthday.

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6-8:55 P.M., WLIE—Great Classics	9:30-9:55 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Music Festival
6:30-7 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Dinner Music	10:30-11 P.M., WOR—Mishel Piastro directs The Symphonette
7:05-8 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Masterwork Hour	11:30-12 P.M., WOR—Sinfonietta, directed by Alfred Wallenstein
8-9 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Symphony Hall	

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00—WEAF—Mystery Theatre	WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials	WHN—William S. Gailmor
WABC—Jack Pepper Show	WMCA—News; Recorded Music
9:15—WOR—Screen Test	WMCA—Richard Eaton—Talk
9:30—WEAF—Words at War	WOR—American Forum
WOR—Spotlight Band	WABC—The Doctor Fights—Play, with Raymond Massey
WMCA—Recorded Music	9:55—WJZ—Short Story
WQXR—News; Record Album	10:00—WEAF—Charlotte Greenwood Show
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing	WABC—Norman Corwin Show
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, News	10:15—WOR—Paul Schubert, News
WJZ—From London: George Hicks	WMCA—So the Story Goes
10:30—WEAF—Hildegarde, Songs; Others	WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Let Yourself Go	WABC—To Be Announced
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, News	10:45—WMCA—Bing Crosby Records
10:50—WQXR—News; Just Music	11:00—WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music	WMCA—News; Talk; Music
11:05—WABC—Armed Forces Independence Day Program	11:30—WEAF—Caravans Tropical
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Film Front

The Motion Picture Alliance Fights Russia Not Hitler

By David Platt

Labor in Hollywood has asked the Hearst-inspired Motion Picture Alliance to put up or shut up. Seventeen movie unions and guilds have asked the MPA to answer nine questions about the extent of its membership and its attitude toward labor, fascism and the war.

These nine questions were published in the Hollywood trade papers a few days ago.

Labor asks the MPA to answer the following questions:

1. In view of your statement that the Motion Picture Alliance believes itself to "represent the vast majority of the people who serve this great medium of expression," how many of Hollywood's 30,000 workers are enrolled members of your organization?

(The answer is about 1 percent. The overwhelming majority are active supporters of the Hollywood Victory Committee and the Hollywood Writers Mobilization which Westbrook Pegler, Martin Dies and the MPA claim are "Communist controlled."—D.P.)

2. Since certain active leaders of the Motion Picture Alliance have in the past openly opposed trade union organization and boasted of union wrecking activities, why should not the Motion Picture Alliance be regarded as anti-labor?

(Elsewhere on this page you will find a report by Mildred Fleming on a red-baiting speech delivered before a group of Republican women in Hollywood by Howard Emmett Rogers of the Motion Picture Alliance.—D.P.)

3. Despite your assertion that your organization is non-political, do not your leaders participate in political activities as official representatives of the Motion Picture Alliance? (See Above—D. P.)

4. In consideration of the many protestations of patriotism by the Motion Picture Alliance, explain your omission of any reference to (1) the need for national unity and (2) the urgency of collaboration with our Allies to insure a speedy victory and a lasting peace?

(How can the MPA be interested in winning the war and the peace when its president Sam Wood admits that the major purpose of the Alliance is to "keep the Communists from shackling the guilds in Hollywood." Wood recently told Edwin A. Lahey of the Chicago Daily News that the Hollywood Writers Congress which was endorsed by both Roosevelt and Willkie, was "organized in Russia." The Screen Writers Guild also takes orders from Moscow, he said.—D.P.)

5. What organization or, individuals outside of the Motion Picture Alliance share your contention that there is a "widespread impression that this industry is made up of and dominated by Communists, radicals and crackpots?"

(Answer: The Hearst-McCormick-Patterson press, Pegler, Dies, Reynolds, Rankin, Hoffman, the Republican National Committee and the seditionists on trial in Washington.—D. P.)

6. In view of your assertion that you find yourselves "in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, fascism and kindred beliefs," which motion pictures in the opinion of the Motion Picture Alliance have contained such propaganda?

(Answer: Mission to Moscow, Action in the North Atlantic, Song of Russia, North Star, Sahara, The Hitler Gang and all films in which President Roosevelt is shown in a friendly light.—D. P.)

7. Which producers or producing companies—those having control of the content of the motion pictures, do the Motion Picture Alliance hold responsible for the propaganda it professes to have discovered?

(Answer: Warners, MGM, Paramount, 20th Fox, RKO, Columbia, the OWI, War Dept., Roosevelt, Stalin, Churchill and, last but not

least Thomas Edison, inventor of the motion picture.—D.P.)

8. Why have the public or publicized addresses of the Motion Picture Alliance representatives devoted so little attention to the menace of fascism?

(Answer: Because the MPA is at war with the Soviet Union and the CIO Political Action Committee. Teheran is the menace not Hitler.—D. P.)

9. By its highly publicized meetings and unsubstantiated accusations, thereby increasing the "widespread impression" it assertedly was formed to correct, does not the Motion Picture Alliance undermine the unity of the motion picture industry behind the war effort? (Answer: Yes.—D. P.)

AN AMUSING SIDELIGHT

Howard Emmett Rogers, in his speech to the Republican women said there were 30 Communist national youth movements with 5,000,000 boys and girls active in the country. Since Eleanor Roosevelt is a Communist in the eyes of Rogers, as well as anyone who supports a fourth term, this figure no doubt includes the memberships of the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, YMCA, YWCA and Campfire girls. Mary Pickford was the only film star to attend the MPA Republican meeting.

Tuesday Calendar

DRAMA

(Subway Circuit)

The anti-Fascist play Tomorrow the World starts today at the Flatbush Theatre, Brooklyn.

Arsenic and Old Lace begins a run at Windsor Theatre, Bronx.

Decision at Queensboro Theatre, starting today.

MUSIC

Lewisohn Stadium: No concert today.

Goldman Band at Prospect Park. Free Concert, Orchard Beach, Bronx 3:30 p. m.

Katherine Bacon, piano Julliard Concert Hall, 4 p. m.

Naumburg Orchestra, Central Park, 8:15 p. m. Works by Weber, Dvorak, Verdi, Smetana Hadley, Leoncavallo, Wolf-Ferrari, Herbert.

Life Under Fascism

Franz C. Weiskopf, whose newest book, The Firing Squad, was published by Alfred A. Knopf on June 26, is now writing The Invincibles, a series of vignettes of life under fascism, especially for Scope, the digest magazine.

In the Place Where Thou Wast Created, printed in the August issue of the magazine, tells of the vengeance of Jewish partisans on a particularly brutal Storm Troop leader.



JANET BLAIR

The Old Red Herring Story

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD.—At a swank luncheon at the Wilshire Ebell Club sponsored by a group of Republican women affiliates, Howard Emmett Rogers, member of the Motion Picture

Alliance and featured speaker of the afternoon, dragged out an item that was not on the menu—the old red herring. Rogers was scheduled to speak on "The Threat of Political Action from the Unions" and he devoted considerable time to a fantastic description of the Communist menace in America and how it held the unions captive against their will. By this device, he apparently hoped to damn the unions' political activity without incurring their enmity and enlist the support of anti-labor groups.

Dies Committee) as congressman in the 15th congressional district. A write-in which "is not conducted by politicians but by some of the finest creative and imaginative minds in America. . . We are going to undress Hal Styles (pro-Roosevelt nominee of the Democratic Party)!"

But it developed that in enlisting help to "undress Hal Styles," Rogers had undertaken quite a job. Not even his vivid recital of the "Communist menace" was sufficient to induce party-line Republicans to abandon their plan to set up a Republican candidate and endorse Costello.

RED HERRING SMELLS

Dr. Palmer, chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee, defended the plan of the Republican Party to nominate a candidate in the 15th congressional district and argued a "write-in will divide the vote and I don't believe Costello will permit it to go on." Rogers retaliated that only God or Costello would stop them and he didn't believe Costello would. Several others questioned the efficacy of the write-in campaign and the meeting terminated in a heated discussion pro and con on the subject of Costello versus a Republican candidate, with each side accusing the other of using tactics that would split the vote.

Apparently the old red herring had failed to frighten the staunch old Republican adherents. Possibly they had used it too often themselves.

REVIVING A CORPSE

It finally became apparent that Rogers was using the "Communist menace" as an inducement for his listeners to join in the write-in campaign for John M. Costello (of the

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Briefly, the plot concerns itself with the peradventures of Jerry Flynn (Cary Grant) who, after a spectacular career as a Broadway producer, is considered washed up. Unable to meet the \$100,000 payment on a loan, Flynn is about to lose the Flynn Theatre. Only his best friend, The Moke (Jimmie Gleason), remains loyal to him. Leaving the theatre on its closing night, in a black mood, Flynn meets up with two boys, Fatso and Pinky, who let him look into a shoe box. my Baby, on his harmonica, Curley

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my Baby, on his harmonica, Curley the Caterpillar dances within the shoebox. Flynn lifts that Cary Grant eyebrow of his, dumbstruck, realizing the commercial possibilities of the terpsichorean cactus pilosus. He pursues the kids who refuse to sell Curly; he offers them partnership. But then Pinky's beautiful sister, Jeannie (Janet Blair) intervenes and takes Pinky home, and if we tell you any more we would be unfair to the ironically cute ending.

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—P. I.

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Late Bulletins

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Hitler's Ace in the Hole—The Robot 'Blitz' Backfires Badly

LONDON, July 3 (UP).—Adolf Hitler's buzzbomb—a last-ditch resort with which he hoped to weaken British resolve for a finish fight—has backfired badly and today the enraged British are determined to press for peace terms even more severe than Hitler might have expected a few weeks ago.

Hitler must have known that the military value of these random missiles was nil. He thought they might be a wedge in the propaganda campaign to call off the Allied air forces now that his Luftwaffe is powerless to stop them. He made a colossal miscalculation.

A few weeks ago the British, who were forgetting the worst features of the Blitz of 1940-41, were beginning to get a little bit soft about "Jerry." Now they have been jolted into a realization of the ruthlessness of Nazism that is likely to be reflected in the peace terms.

The damage has been correspondingly great. But Hitler knows and the British know that random missiles cannot stop the invasion of the continent nor the bombing of Nazi Europe from British bases. The robot is a weapon aimed purely and simply at civilians.

Japanese By-Pass Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 3 (UP).—Japanese forces, advancing southward along the vital Canton-Hankow railroad, have by-passed the Chinese base of Hengyang, battered by incendiary and poison gas attacks, and have driven to a point roughly 50 miles to the south, it was announced today.

Smashing down the railroad to join their powerful forces sweeping northward from the Canton area, the Japanese also by-passed Leliang, 37 miles southeast of Hengyang, and closed to less than 220 miles the Chinese-held gap in the 1,000-mile rail line from Peiping to Canton.

French Patriots Kill 950 Nazis

LONDON, July 3 (UP).—Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig's French Forces of the Interior have killed or wounded nearly 950 German occupation troops in battles in southeastern and east central France, a communique disclosed today, and French mobile units, working in planned cooperation with the Allies, are ambushing German motor convoys moving toward the Normandy front.

A representative of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisans said at Algiers that the French, busy as they are with their own problems of resistance, are assisting in the reorganization of Italian patriots in northwestern Italy while the Yugoslavs, equally well-employed, are aiding in northern Italy.

20 Towns Join Copenhagen Strike

STOCKHOLM, July 3 (UP).—Copenhagen remained under a state of siege today and a general strike spread to the mainland despite appeals of municipal authorities and labor leaders for an end of demonstrations which caused the Germans to threaten to starve the capital into submission and if necessary to bomb it.

Long Soviet Columns Going West Meet Nazi Prisoners Moving East

By JOHN GIBBONS
By Cable to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, July 3.—Endless columns of eastbound prisoners, stumbling over the dead bodies of their ill-starred comrades, hug roadsides to make way for the equally long columns of Red Army tanks, guns, and motor vehicles streaming westward to take part in the final assault on Minsk.

The battle of White Russia is approaching a triumphal climax. The enemy's front with its series of powerful defense lines and river barriers is pulverized. Nazi losses exceed 200,000, and losses of equipment are comparable only to losses suffered by Mannstein during the rout of his armies from the Ukraine.

Strong guerrilla brigades, playing ducks and drakes with German rear-line communications, are a powerful auxiliary.

Were it not for the presence of guerrilla brigades in the forests and marshes, the Germans might have been able to forestall the disaster which has overtaken their divisions. In terror of the invisible forest soldiers, the enemy was compelled to keep to main roads where he was overtaken by waves of Sturmoviks and dive bombers. Guided by guerrillas who laid bridges over the streams and corduroy roads in marshes, the Red Army cavalry and tank columns carrying tommy-gun-

ners are outflanking, encircling and mopping up bewildered enemy groups.

The battlefield gives the impression that the countryside has been devastated by a violent earthquake. Smoking towns and villages laid waste by the enemy, roads littered with smoldering German tanks and motor vehicles of every description and fields strewn with German dead and dying is chaos, confusion and destruction which baffles description.

LONG LINES OF PRISONERS

At all crossroads are notice boards with the inscription, "Prisoners' clearing station." Almost every five minutes, local people, mostly women and children lead, lost and demoralized groups of Germans to Red Army men compiling lists of prisoners. One of the Germans who in broken Russian asked, "How are things in Cherbourg?" was promptly told "exactly the same as in Borisov."

I saw a peasant boy bring in along with prisoners surrendered a German machine gun which had painted on it "Berlin" followed by an arrow and then the names Warsaw, Minsk, Smolensk and Moscow. The Red Army officer who registered it said, "Sure, Moscow it is," and immediately applied a neat little label with the address "Trophies Exhibition, Moscow."



This air-view is the first photo of the big naval battle between U. S. carrier-based aircraft and a powerful Japanese task force which was intercepted on its way to relieve their Saipan garrison. The engagement was fought in the Philippine Sea, June 20. An enemy battleship (left foreground) labors through the water, badly hit. A large Japanese carrier (right background) turns in a circle to dodge bombs.

The Veteran Commander

NOT JUST 'ANOTHER DEFEAT' FOR NAZIS

MR. HANSON W. BALDWIN is burning up the cables between London and New York with more balderdash.

[The Veteran Commander's "touches" against Hanson Baldwin become even more decisive in the light of news just off the wires that Minsk has been captured by the Red Army.—Ed.]

Just listen to him (NY Times, July 3):

"The battle for Minsk will soon determine the further development of the fighting in the east (latitude—V.C.). In the past the Germans have shown themselves masters of maneuver, and time and again have saved their armies from seeming encirclement or near disaster. (Oh, yeah? What about Stalingrad, Sneghrevka, Korsun, the Crimea, Vitebsk, Bobruisk?—V.C.)

"But Marshal Busch and General Limdemann may eventually be compelled—so rapidly has the Soviet drive developed—to evacuate Estonia and Latvia and to pull back to a defensive line from Riga through Vilna to Pinsk. (Nonsense, Mr. Baldwin! Can you read a map? If so, just look at it: Vilna is threatened and the Vilna-Luninetz line is as good as broken at Baranovichi.—V.C.)

"Regardless of what tomorrow may bring, two facts in the latest developments in the long and sanguinary battle in Russia are clear: the Germans have suffered another defeat and the 'grinding machine' of the Red Army has resumed its work of making mincemeat out of the Wehrmacht. . . ." (All this is very badly put, Mr. Baldwin. This is not just "another defeat." This is a defeat no army has ever suffered in history, either quantitatively or qualitatively. Comparing the Red Army to a "grinding machine," especially in the light of the operations now developing, is like calling Toscanini at the head of the New York Philharmonic, an organ-grinder.—V.C.)

The intrinsic beauty of the current operation of the Red Army is the fact that it started as a multiple assault on the central "breastplate" of the Wehrmacht in the east, almost perpendicular to the main southwest-northeast communications of the Germans and has developed into a march ACROSS these lines of communications (across the lines Baranovichi-Minsk, Lida-Molodechno-Polotsk and Kovno-Dvinsk). In the light of this tremendous operational development, the battle of Minsk itself, colossal and important as it is, becomes of secondary importance. In connection with this battle, it is

advisable to be wary of headlines which proclaim that "300,000 Germans are surrounded." Nobody has counted them. The encirclement is not yet complete. So let us keep our shirts on. There is plenty to rejoice about without overdoing it.

On the First Baltic Front it seems that the stronghold of Polotsk cannot hold out much longer. With its fall the attack on Dvinsk, the key to the Baltic regions, will be on. It is now not a question of Minsk anymore; it is a question of Dvinsk, Vilna and Belostok. The defense line of the Neman has been actually outflanked by the capture of Stolitsy (Stolpe) and Nesvizh.

GERMAN counterattacks have somewhat abated in the region of Caen. It is interesting to note that the British battleship Rodney, has bombarded crossings of the Orne south of Caen at a range of at least 18 miles.

American troops are reported to have opened an attack in the Caumont St. Lo sector. These attacks are designed to straighten the front and turn it counter-clockwise with Caen as a pivot. Similar attacks in the direction of La Haye, Lessay and Coutances should follow shortly, now that our troops are free in the area of Cherbourg.

In Italy Allied troops (mostly French) have captured Siena and are approaching the "Gothic Line" (this line, like the famous "Hitler Line," is in the habit of jumping around on the map like a Mexican bean; sometimes it runs through Livorno, Florence and Ancona, sometimes through Pisa, Prato and Rimini. So take your choice. It does not make much difference because it will be gone anyway soon).

IN China the Japanese have opened (or rather renewed) an offensive from Canton northward in the direction of Hengyang which is not yet quite theirs, by the way.

The crucial battle for Saipan is progressing favorably and our troops are advancing steadily to the north.

HOLY HORRORS DEPARTMENT: the last paragraph of our Sunday column should have read: "physiological changes are bound to bring about certain changes in the human intellect." NOT—"psychological changes are bound, etc." which does not make sense.)

